

Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 10 Mar 2025 02:15

BS"D

Hi, I'm Dove, I was given permission to write here.

This is my first time taking about my problem in public, I have only told this to selected people privately.

I'm 21 years old, I have no wife, no friends (at least in my city), and I am in the process of conversion in a city where there is no Jewish community. I have felt that there is no way to stop future falls, so I am going to at least try here.

I have a filtered computer in whitelist mode (I don't know anyone else who does this).

I plan to vent here, because knowing that others know what I'm going through is enough chizuk to keep me going. I plan to write here every day that I have some time, today I start with day 0 of being clean.

Berachot!

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by adventurousjellyfish - 25 May 2025 04:27

. Makes me happy. It's good to see a smile emoji in your post. Good luck!!!

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 04 Jun 2025 19:29

Day 6:
Good to hear good things happen to you

On Shabbat Emor, I acted like a very shy person. An unmarried woman said that she "likes submissive men," and I took this very seriously, even though she later said that she "doesn't like submissive men." I didn't know what to think. I had to clear up my doubts, but the problem is that she has a son. After finding out, I learned that her son is 8 years old and she is 29 years old and a widow. She is not Jewish, but she has recently become interested in Judaism.

But how is it possible that a woman could be interested in a man seven years younger who doesn't own a house and doesn't even work?

I decided to clear up my doubts when I saw her the following Shabbat (Behar-Bechukotai), asking her if she was going to convert to Judaism and what she thought about the age difference in a couple where the woman is older. But... she wasn't there that Shabbat.

I found out that he works in another city... but my doubts wouldn't leave me alone. I am ashamed and hurt by my reality. I was embarrassed to say it in this forum.

So, with nothing else to do, I waited until the next Shabbat (Bamidbar) because maybe she would be there.

But on Thursday night, the Jewish family tells me that they are going to the community to spend

Shabbat and Shavuot there.

I didn't know what to do. I'm running out of savings. What was I going to do when I ran out of everything I had saved?

Attending Shabbat and Shavuot in the community is quite expensive.

I thought about it all night, and on Friday, after listening to Torah teachings, I decided to live as if it were my last day.

I couldn't spend Shabbat in the community because it was already late and I had to give advance notice, but I was able to reserve my spot for Shavuot.

I felt that all of this was Hashem's will, so I had a good Shabbat alone.

When I arrived at the community, she was there, and on Shavuot I found an opportunity to clarify my doubts.

I asked him what he thought about a couple with a 7-year age difference.

I saw that she was confused and she said, "I don't know."

I thought "How is it possible for her to play with other people's feelings and not even realize it?" this bothered me.

I asked, "How come you don't know?"

She told me "it depends."

I asked her "it depends on what?"

And as she was leaving she said something like, "I don't know..."

After analyzing the situation I realized that it was all a misunderstanding. I hope this is for all of us to learn and not make the same mistakes.

It's uncomfortable to be around her, but it looks like it's going to pass as I act like nothing has happened and hope she does the same.

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 04 Jun 2025 19:39

I asked the Rabbi of the community whether to work or look for a partner first. And he answered me to do everything you can at the same time (look for a partner even if you don't have enough for food, even if you study it is not sure that you will get a good job, nothing is sure now), since the world we live in nowadays is messy or chaotic.

The key is to try your best.

I think it's better not to write every day, because sometimes I don't know what to say, but at least once a week if I feel well and can do it.

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 10 Jun 2025 03:34

Day 11:

Today has been difficult, but I'm not going to give up, at least not today.

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 08 Jul 2025 16:18

Day 1:

Almost a month passes and I get back on my feet.

I got a smartphone and my father didn't want to help me set up parental controls. I let it go for a long time because I thought I could find another way to add filters. Until one day I threatened not to help him if he didn't help me.

And now I'm feeling better.

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 10 Jul 2025 22:21

I am embarrassed to tell you that I had a fall yesterday.

Due to my lack of self-esteem, and because I had some free time and didn't know what to do, and because Ima left her cell phone with me when she left, and I knew her password and was alone, that's why I made the mistake.

Day 1:

But this time, I forced Ima to change her password to one that I don't know and I try hard not to have any more free time. This is how I return back.

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 13 Jul 2025 04:10

Have mercy on me, I had another fall, but to a lesser level, this time without seeing anything inappropriate.

It was before Shabbat, and baruch Hashem, I was in company on Shabbat.

I must focus on the positive:

I have made some Shabbatot better for a family.

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 20 Jul 2025 04:54

I have never had sex and I feel like it is a necessity.

I don't know anything about it, but I want to learn about it. I want to know if it is possible to live well even if you are single.

It may be a mental issue and can be overcome even if you remain single.

I would like to have a partner, but I can't find one.

I'm afraid this will lead me to do things that aren't good.

Maybe someone knows and can tell me?

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 20 Aug 2025 22:51

BS"D

I see that I'm not making any progress. So I plan to change my current approach.

My ultimate goal is to quit P and M. I don't know which one is worse, but P is almost always accompanied by (and causes) M. So I'm going to focus only on quitting P, and my streak will only be affected by P.

So today is my day #1.

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 04 Sep 2025 16:08

From 21 August I traveled to a Yeshiva in a place where the climate is cold and the people are subtly obligated to wear with tziniut.

And I'm on streak from there. I haven't enough time, I came without devices, I take one borrowed, for that reason I can't write much here.

Berachot!

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 11 Sep 2025 18:04

The yeshiva where I am studying is "benei anusim," and they say that because I have a supposedly Jewish surname and am interested in Judaism, they already consider me Jewish. They are going to count me for minyan even though I have not converted. I am willing to leave so that they do not mention Hashem's name in vain when they supposedly have a minyan.

But the cold and not having a device when I need it have given me the longest streak.

I am willing to be on the street rather than return to my city, where I will most likely end up falling again.

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Re: Dove's journey

Posted by dove63 - 11 Sep 2025 18:29

I am near Bogotá, Colombia, and I would like to spend this Shabbat with the Chabad Jewish community in Bogotá, but they do not know me and I do not have a recommendation. Could someone contact them for me?

I can pay whatever it costs.

The truth is that Jewish communities in Latin America are quite closed. I don't know what to do, I don't know people here.

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